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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: M. EZUMI, et al.  
Serial No.: 10/791,857  
Filed: MARCH 4, 2004  
For: FRICTION STIR WELDING METHOD AND GROUP OF SHAPE  
MEMBERS FOR FRICTION STIR WELDING  
Group AU: 1725  
Examiner: Michael Aboagye  
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AMENDMENT

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Commissioner for Patents  
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January 11, 2006

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed October 11, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as listed in the following, and as set forth on the following pages:

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS;

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS;

REMARKS are included following the amendments; and

Replacement Sheets for Figs. 7-9 are included herewith as an

Appendix.